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Asst. Prof. Gary May



Dear Professor May:

This is in response to your request for information concerning John Carter Vincent. I regret our delay in responding. We are still at work on the backlog of similar requests which has accumulated during the past months.

Our file search has produced the documents listed below. They have been reviewed, and I have arranged them accordingly into three groups -- those released in full, as they were found in the files; those which are released in sanitized form; and those which have been found not releasable. You will note that I have cited the appropriate exemption under the Freedom of Information Act beside each of the documents in the latter groups.

The following are released in full:

- 1-33. Assorted press clippings.
34. Memorandum, 15 June 1943.
35. Memorandum, 17 June 1943.
36. Letter, 18 June 1943.
37. Letter, 19 June 1943.
38. Memorandum, 19 August 1943.
39. Memorandum, 9/2/43.
40. Memorandum, 12 March 1945.
41. Press Release, 18 October 1945.

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42. Cable, 4 December 1945.
43. Letter, 7 December 1945.
44. Memorandum, 4 March 1946.
45. Excerpt from article, "Foundations: Their Power and Influence."
46. Staff study, "Summary of Investigative History and Technique of the [McCarthy] Committee." Only that portion of the study in which Vincent is mentioned is being released.

The following have been released in sanitized form:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
47. Letter, 1 August 1944.	(b) (2)
48. Memorandum, 5 August 1947.	(b) (1), (b) (3)
49. Routing slip, 30 January 1953.	(b) (2), (b) (3)
50. Memorandum, 21 April 1971.	(b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3), (b) (6)
51. Memorandum, 7 July 1961.	(b) (6)
52. Pledge regarding contents of Security File.	(b) (3), (b) (6)
53. Memorandum, w/attachment, 9 June 1958, regarding another person.	(b) (3), (b) (6)
54. Memorandum to Chief, Appraisal Section, regarding another person.	(b) (3), (b) (6)
55. Memorandum, 12 April 1954, regarding another person.	(b) (3), (b) (6)
56. Ballot for the election of the Board of Trustees (1945).	(b) (3)
57. Memorandum to the Files, 8 July 1952.	(b) (3)
58. Investigation on another person, in which Vincent is mentioned.	(b) (6), (b) (7) (C)
59. U.S. Army report, 11 October 1955. (Released with concurrence of the Army.)	(b) (1), (b) (7) (C), (b) (7) (D)

- 59.1. Memorandum, 13 December 1950. (b)(6)
- The following have been found not releasable:
60. Cable, 12 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
61. Cable, 14 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(6)
62. Dispatch, 19 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
63. Dispatch, 20 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
64. Cable, 21 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
65. Cable, 22 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
66. Cable, 24 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
67. Cable, 27 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
68. Cable, 27 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3)
69. Dispatch, 30 December 1950. (b)(1), (b)(2),  
(b)(3), (b)(6)
70. Memorandum, 11 February 1952. (b)(1), (b)(3),  
(b)(6)

For your information, exemption (b)(1) applies to material which has properly been classified under the provisions of Executive Order 11652. Exemption (b)(2) applies to matters which are related solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency, and hence are not relevant to your request. Exemption (b)(3) is pursuant to the Director's statutory responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, under the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949. Exemption (b)(6) concerns information from personnel, medical, and similar files, whose release would be an unwarranted invasion of a person's privacy. Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides the same protection to

information compiled in the course of an investigation, while (b) (7) (D) protects the identity of a confidential source.

The deciding officers in this review were:

Items 47-50 and 60-70: Charles A. Briggs, DDO  
Information Review Officer

Items 51-59 : Edward Duffy, Chief of the  
Information Review Group,  
Office of Security

Item 59.1 : Mr. Patrick L. Carpentier,  
Assistant Legislative Counsel

Under the provisions of the Act, I am advising you of your right to appeal their decisions, through me, to the CIA Information Review Committee.

In addition to the foregoing Agency documents, we have found reference to material originated by the Department of State, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which Mr. Vincent is mentioned. The State Department material has been drawn to the Department's attention, with a request that the Department write directly to you. I am advised that you have sent a similar request to the Bureau, and that this information will be included in its reply to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gene F. Wilson

Gene F. Wilson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

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